(c) The question of converting National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal into University of Dairying is not under consideration of the Government at present.

Aluminium project in Visakhapatnam

2756. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government have sent a proposal to Government of India for Aluminium project in Visakhapatnam district;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the reasons for not giving clearance so far?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) No application for industrial licence for Aluminium Project has been received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

2757. [*Transferred to the 1st December, 1988.*]

Irregularities in PF/ESI by Northern India Patrika and Amrit Prabha

2758. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of deduction made by the management of the Lucknow dailies Northern India Patrika and Amrit Prabhat from the salary of their employees towards Provident Fund, E.S.I. and Family Pension and not deposited in the concerned institutions and for what period;

(b) what legal and penal measures have been taken against the employers for the offence under the Central laws and measures to recover the amounts;

(c) what action has been taken against officers responsible for delay in starting proceedings against employers; and

(d) whether formal or informal advice given to Uttar Pradesh Government to secure end of lock-out in the two papers?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY): (a) According to available information, the particulars of arrears of P.F., E.S.I. dues etc. against the establishment are as given below:—

(i) *Provident Fund, Family Pension and Deposit Linked Insurance.*

A sum of Rs. 41.51 lakhs was outstanding on account of contributions towards P.F., Family Pension etc., for the period from 8/86 to 10/88. Separate figures relating to employees' share of contribution deducted from the wages of the employees is not readily available.

(ii) *Employees' State Insurance*

A sum of Rs. 99,287.40 was outstanding on account of employees' share of contribution, for the period from April, 1986 to December, 1987.

(b) The following action has been taken:—

(i) *Provident Fund, Family Pension etc.*

The E.P.F. authorities have directed the management to pay the arrears immediately and in case, they fail to make the payment, action will be taken to file recovery certificates, for realisation of the outstanding dues. Besides, show cause notices have been issued to the management for prosecution under section 14 of the E.P.F. Act as also section 406/409 of the IPC.

(ii) *Employees' State Insurance*